

Fryer adds punch to forward line as Wycombe win

Sports Mail Special Report

WOKING 3 : WYCOMBE WANDS. 5

MOVING star wing-half Ron Fryer to inside left added punch to Wycombe's attack at Woking this afternoon in an Isthmian League match and they won 5-3.

Woking: Burley, Taylor, Parsons, Douse, Turner, Ilsley, Mortimore, Hebden, Collins, Reynolds, Harris.

Wycombe Wanderers: Syrett, Beck, Moring, Truett, Fisher, Weaver, Atkins, Trott, Bates, Fryer, Free.

With the ball skidding treacherously, defensive mistakes were inevitable. Quick passing by Atkins and Bates soon had Woking in trouble. With the home defence hesitant to clear, Trott nipped in to shoot just wide.

The direct thrust of Atkins split Woking's defence open, and Trott, cleverly steadying himself, sent a beautiful drive just over the crossbar.

Hitting back strongly, Woking were very unlucky not to have taken the lead when a Harris shot bounced awkwardly and hit goalkeeper Syrett on the chest. Soon afterwards Harris—right out of luck—headed against the crossbar.

TROTT SCORES

It was Wycombe who showed the real power in attack. When Free centred to beat the defence, Fryer gave the ball to TROTT who, quick as a flash, drove it to the net.

Although Woking had a lot of the play, they could not force home their attacks.

Bates and Free worked a 32-minute goal, BATES netting at the second attempt. Within minutes ATKINS ran home a third goal from close range, following a shrewd pass from Fryer.

A great save by goalkeeper Burley from Trott's header,

stopped a certainty. But "general" TROTT had his revenge just before the interval when he fired home the fourth goal after Fryer had teed the ball up for him.

Half-time: Woking 0, Wycombe 4.

Brave Woking tried hard to make up the leeway and a lovely goal by COLLINS gave them new heart. He ran past Fisher to score after a through ball had split the defence. A minute later COLLINS scored again, snapping up a loose ball as it crossed the goalmouth.

MORE IN GAME

Woking hammered away and wily veteran Charlie Mortimer came more into the game.

A Mortimer free kick awarded for a foul on himself was only cleared with difficulty. Woking showed plenty of fight and when Reynolds intercepted a poor back pass, Syrett had to dive to grab the ball.

In the final quarter of an hour Wycombe's forwards returned to the attack. Atkins and Bates both just failed to get in shots during a goalmouth scramble and with five minutes to go a typically powerful drive from ATKINS whipped into the net after Trott had chased hard to make the chance.

With the last kick of the game HEBDEN replied for Woking.

RESULT:

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WYCOMBE W. 5

WYCOMBE TAKE THEIR REVENGE

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE leaders Wycombe Wanderers built up a 4-0 interval lead against the slack defensive play of Woking, but the home side fought back strongly in the second half and came back into the game with two goals in 45 seconds.

But the margin was too great. Woking suffered their first defeat in seven weeks and Wycombe avenged the dropping of a point on their own ground to Woking three weeks ago.

Players found difficulty in maintaining a balance and in controlling the ball on a pitch soaked by continuous rain, and Wycombe mastered the conditions better by the use of the long ball.

The game opened quietly until Wycombe found a way to exploit the lack of covering in the Woking defence. All too often goalkeeper John Burley was left to cope with the hard-hitting forward line on his own.

So Wycombe zipped to a 4-0 lead with goals by Cliff Trott (26 min.), Paul Bates (30), Dennis Atkins (34), and Trott (40).

Wycombe opened the second period strongly but found the home defence had tightened up considerably. Then centre-forward Matt Collins snatched a couple of fine goals within 45 seconds of each other and Woking were back with a chance.

Wycombe were still the more workmanlike side, but the game had now evened up. It was not until Atkins got a fifth goal in the 86th minute that they could be sure of both points.

Even so, John Hebden netted a third for Woking right on time.